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Celdran released; 'Damaso' draws raves in cyberspace

By Joanette I. Andrade

TOUR GUIDE Carlos Celdran, clapped in jail on Thursday for protesting the Catholic Church's opposition to the Reproductive Health (RH) bill, was released yesterday after posting bail.

But not before an uproar erupted in cyberspace, with a Facebook page calling for his release garnering more than 6,800 supporters as of noon yesterday, with comments flooding its wall by the minute.

Celdran himself expressed no regret

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Greens want toxic skin whiteners banned

By Kristine L. Alave

ALARMED at the number of skin-whitening products with a high mercury content, environmental groups yesterday urged authorities to implement a stricter screening for new

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CBCP: No threat vs Noy

Church says all a miscommunication on excommunication



JAILHOUSE ROCKS RH advocate and historian-tourist guide Carlos Celdran spends a night at the Manila Police District Station 5. He's released on Friday morning after posting bail and turning into an Internet "hit" overnight.

By Jocelyn R. Uy

AFTER RAISING a firestorm of protests with his remark that President Aquino risked excommunication, the president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines yesterday said the country's highest Church body had not contemplated such an action.

CBCP president Bishop Nereo Odchimar denied having threatened Mr. Aquino with excommunication should he push for the use of artificial contraceptives to curb the population growth and address poverty.

Odchimar mentioned the possibility of Mr. Aquino facing excommunication in an interview the other day on Church-run Radio Veritas.

His remarks were carried not only in the national media but also reported in the Catholic news service UCAN, a website featuring news about the Catholic Church, with editorial headquarters in Bangkok.

The UCAN story, like that of the Inquirer, also carried the headline: "Bishops threaten Aquino with excommunication."

The UCAN story led off with the paragraph: "The Catholic Church may excommunicate President Benigno Aquino III if he pushes through with a plan to distribute contraceptives, says the head of the Philippine bishops' conference."

The news service has a Jesuit priest, Father Michael Kelly SJ, as executive director and has offices or bureaus in 20 Asian countries.

In his statement yesterday, Odchimar maintained the Catholic Church wanted to address reproductive health issues

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SAYETH THE CHURCH ... Msgr. Juanito Figura answers questions from supporters of the RH bill at the gate of the CBCP office in Intramuros, Manila.

Palace: Noy 'above faith'

By Christian V. Esguerra

DECLARING THAT President Aquino is not a leader of Catholics alone but of Filipinos of other faiths, as well, Malacañang yesterday said Mr. Aquino remains "resolute" in his statement that he may extend assistance to couples needing contraceptives if they prefer that method of birth control.

"He has to be above faith," presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda said as the three-

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'SHAMEFUL DEED'

230 Manila priests condemn Celdran

THE CLERGY of the Archdiocese of Manila yesterday strongly condemned the protest action of popular tourist guide Carlos Celdran and demanded that the Intramuros Administration hold him liable for his "shameful deed."

Numbering more than 230, the priests said Celdran's acts on Thursday could not be deemed within the scope of freedom of expression but were "malicious acts" directed toward a faith represented by its leaders and the faithful gathered for a solemn worship service.

"[He] was desecrating a consecrated place, as every Catholic church or chapel is consecrated by sacred rites. His right to protest in this manner ended after he entered the doors of the Manila Cathedral," the priests said in a statement.

They added: "We demand that the Intramuros Administration make him account for his

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Transcript of interview with CBCP president Odchimar

(Editor's Note: The following are the relevant excerpts of the interview with CBCP president Nereo Odchimar by the Church-run Radio Veritas on Thursday. It was released to the media by Veritas and was the basis of the Inquirer banner story on Friday.)

Q: Anong maikikilos ba ng CBCP kapag itinuloy ni Noynoy ang pamimigay ng contraceptives?

A: Ahhh, we will be planning our next move.

Q: Like?

A: We do not have police power, we don't discount the possibility of mobilizing the lay organizations.

Q: Makikita ba natin ang mga bishops, pari sa kalsada

TRANSCRIPT A6



STAYING ALIVE Ecuador's President Rafael Correa speaks to the press in the capital Quito.

Ecuador soldiers rescue president from rebel cops

QUITO—Ecuador President Rafael Correa made a triumphant return to the presidential palace after loyalist troops rescued him from a police rebellion amid gunfire and street clashes that left at least two dead.

The Red Cross said two policemen were killed and 37 people wounded in the operation late Thursday that freed Correa from the National Police Hospital after 12 hours under siege by rebel police who he said wanted to kill him.

Speaking shortly after the rescue, which involved 500 troops that entered the hospital grounds wearing gas masks, Correa delivered a fiery speech from the balcony of the presidential palace and blamed "infiltrated elements" of the security forces for the day's events.

"We will never negotiate anything under pressure," Correa insisted, telling the crowd that he had told his captors, "so I come out

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Gov't ready to stop strike by PAL workers

By Jerome Aning

FOR THE sake of the national interest, the government yesterday said it was prepared to ban a planned strike that could paralyze the operations of national flag carrier Philippine Airlines.

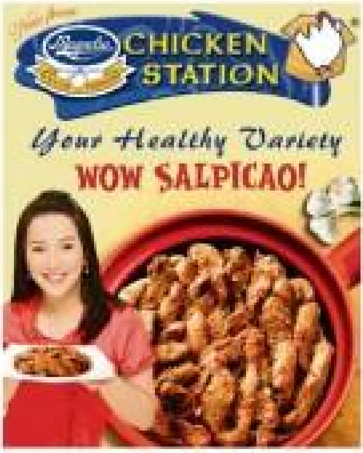
Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said that if a final round of talks next Tuesday between PAL and its flight attendants' union fails, she could invoke her "reserve power" to assume jurisdiction over the dispute, which would make the planned strike illegal.

"We are [looking] after the interest of the riding public. PAL is still the national carrier and there is the national interest to protect," she said.

Assuming jurisdiction would force the two sides to negotiate further and, if an agreement is still not reached, the secretary could make a decision on the dispute, Baldoz explained.

The National Conciliation and Mediation Board has called PAL management and the Flight Attendants and Stewards Association of the Philippines (Fasap) to a meeting on Oct. 5 in a last-ditch effort to avoid a strike.

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WEATHER FORECAST

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De Lima: Promulgation on Oakwood this month

JUSTICE Secretary Leila de Lima said she knew that "political considerations" come into play in Senate resolutions, such as the one urging President Aquino to grant amnesty to mutineers accused of destabilizing the previous Arroyo government, led by detained Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV.

Though she has yet to see a copy of Senate Resolution 117, De Lima said she "would love to see" the document so she can prepare to give a legal opinion if asked to do so by Mr. Aquino.

As to whether she would be inclined to endorse the Senate resolution to Mr. Aquino, she said: "It all depends on the justification and presentation. As to how it would factor to the case, I have yet to see that."

De Lima noted that a decision will soon be promulgated by a Makati court on the coup d'etat case against Trillanes and a number of military officers over the July 2003 failed coup, also known as the Oakwood mutiny.

The office of Makati Judge Oscar Pimentel has reportedly informed state prosecutors that the promulgation on the case could be out by October.

De Lima said she recognized that the Senate was a separate branch of government "with its own processes and prerogatives."

"We leave it up to the wisdom of the legislators, and also because it involves a fellow member, to come up with certain remedies, certain actions that would, in their mind, in their view would help one of their own," she told a press briefing on Thursday.

She noted that the Senate was "understaffed," with only 23 senators, at a time when important matters are to be undertaken, including the public inquiries being conducted in aid of legislation.

Mr. Aquino, who would have served until 2013, vacated his Senate seat when he was elected President in May.

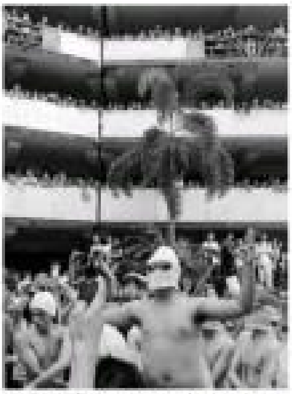
Trillanes, in detention for the past seven years for the Oakwood mutiny and the Manila Peninsula siege, has never set foot in the Senate since being elected in 2007.

There has been no trace of fugitive Sen. Panfilo Lacson since he left the country in January before a warrant of arrest was issued by a Manila court in connection with the Dacer-Corbito double murder case.

Lacson claimed to have left the country to escape persecution by the Arroyo administration. *Nikko Dizon*



DE LIMA: Political considerations



NAKED PROTEST Fraternity members from Polytechnic University of the Philippines, a state university, perform naked before hundreds of students against the alleged low education budget allocated by the government during the university's foundation day on Friday in Manila.



BINAY

Veep not singled out, says Palace

VICE President Jejomar Binay should not feel he is being singled out or discriminated against with the slash cut in his office's budget for 2011, Malacañang said yesterday.

"There was no policy in the reduction in the budget," Presidential Spokesperson Edwin Lacierda told a press briefing.

Lacierda said the Office of the Vice President was not the only agency in the executive branch to have experienced a reduction in allocation in the P1.645-trillion proposed budget for next year that Malacañang sent to Congress.

"The maintenance and other operating expenses of all Cabinet agencies were all cut," including that of the Office of the President, he said.

Lacierda said the main purpose was "to reduce expenses [of] government."

During the Senate budget hearing last Thursday, Binay complained that his office's budget had been reduced to P170 million when he had asked for P195 million.

"You can see [the budget] here. The National Telecommunications Commission got P1 billion. I am in some other office performing a constitutional function," he said. *Christian V. Esguerra*

Mother turns to Europe in quest to find daughter

By Leila B. Salaverria

Speaking tour

'The only weapon'



USEFUL PLASTIC BOTTLES

US to help Philippines improve handling of hostage situations

1,195 clear first PMA entrance hurdle

By Dona Pazzibugan

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China, Asean open talks on Spratlys code of conduct

CHINA HAS started talks with the 10-member Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) to formulate a code of conduct in disputed territories in the South China Sea, Beijing's ambassador to Manila said on Thursday.

The move coincides with a major spat between China and Japan over a chain of uninhabited islets that both claim in the East China Sea, in what analysts say is a sign of growing Chinese assertiveness in an area that has worried other Asian nations.

Six parties are involved in a complex set of territorial disputes in the South China Sea—Brunei, China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam. All except Brunei have military forces on territories claimed in the sea.

"I think there are already some discussions, it's still going on at the working level," Liu Jianchao, China's ambassador to the Philippines, told journalists, saying the two sides are working on a more formal document to avoid activities that might escalate tensions.

In August, Asean proposed establishing a code of conduct.

China, which claims sovereignty over the whole of the disputed waters and has favored one-on-one talks, has not previously acknowledged the multilateral negotiations.

China has been riled by the U.S. position on the territorial issues after Washington said it has a national interest in freedom of navigation in international waters.

A Filipino diplomat, who declined to be named, said the two sides are due to meet in Hanoi next month to discuss the South China Sea dispute, hoping to formulate a legally binding code.

Liu said China is willing to work with other parties on a formal code. "We are ready to work with other countries in ASEAN in formulating such a document," he added. *Reuters*

Palace: Noy 'above faith'; he's president not only of Catholics

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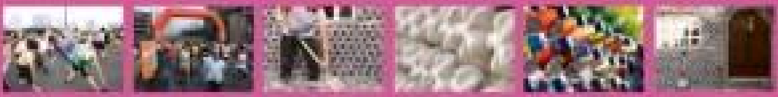
THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SAW A GLASS HALF-FULL. To those who saw being tired and sore as signs of a job well done. Waking up at 3AM as something to be proud of. Helping people they don't know as a chance to make at least a hundred new friends. Signing up to register as a fun way to get a cool shirt. Collecting trash on a beach as a form of a water sport. Running for a cause as hitting two big goals with just one cardio exercise. Empty plastic bottles as material for building the walls of a school for children. The Inconvenient Truth as evidence that the planet is alive and needs help. And the country's many problems as the inspiration they need for change.

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BEACH CLEAN-UP





CBCP: No threat vs Noy; it was miscommunication

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"in the spirit of dialogue and not of confrontation."

"While the prevailing sentiment of a number of bishops was that of dismay and frustration over the reported stance of the President regarding artificial contraception, imposition of the canonical sanction has not been contemplated by the CBCP," Odchimar said.

"Threat of excommunication at this point of time can hardly be considered to be in line with dialogue," the bishop said.

It was Odchimar himself who raised the issue of excommunication as a sanction in an interview on Radio Veritas on Thursday.

Asked what his message to Mr. Aquino was, Odchimar said the President should consider the Church's position on birth control, adding that abortion was a grave crime and "excommunication is attached to those who commit abortion."

Asked if Mr. Aquino could be excommunicated if he promoted the use of contraceptives, the bishop replied, according to a transcript provided by the radio: "That is a possibility."

Pressed on the matter, Odchimar said that "it is not a permanent possibility... we are open to dialogue."

The Inquirer carried his qualification on its Thursday edition.

Mistakes in media, transcript

In a press briefing, CBCP media director Msgr. Pedro Quitorio said Odchimar was "misunderstood somewhere" and that one of the media had committed mistakes.

He noted there were some mistakes in the transcript of the CBCP president's interview on Radio Veritas.

Canon law

Quitorio said that while abortion was a ground for automatic excommunication, merely advocating the use of contraceptives was not enough basis for a harsh penalty.

"How would you know if that (contraceptive) being distributed was really used?" he said. But a directive obliging couples to use artificial birth control is entirely a different matter that has to be studied by canon law experts, he added.



POPULATION BOOM Mothers rest with their newly born babies in the government-run Fabella hospital in Manila. Catholic bishops would consider a civil disobedience campaign to block government efforts to promote contraceptives, but clarified that President Aquino had not been threatened with excommunication. AP FOTO

Tagbilaran Bishop Leonardo Medroso, a canon law expert, said the culpability of those advocating artificial birth control had yet to be studied since they had no direct participation in the act of abortion.

"The penalty has to be given only for a very, very particular crime," Medroso said on Radio Veritas.

Church officials have argued that contraception is a type of abortion, which is banned by the Constitution.

An act of abortion

Odchimar yesterday said he maintained the traditional position of the Church—that human life starts at conception and not at implantation.

"Some contraceptive pills and devices are abortifacient... any completed act to expel or kill the fertilized ovum is considered to be an act of abortion," he said.

Protesters hit Church stance

CBCP secretary general Msgr. Juanito Figura said the Church was not entirely dismissing the reproductive health bill.

"The CBCP acknowledges some elements of the RH bill that are good points but what it is opposing is its present form and content which is muddle and unfriendly," Figura said.

A group of pro-RH advocates trooped to the CBCP office in Intramuros, Manila, to condemn the Church for interfering in government-mandated initiatives for reproductive health.

Elvira Sevilla of the Democratic Socialist Women of the Philippines told Figura her group was urging the Church to stop spreading "lies" about birth control and allow the government to do its work in providing Filipinos an affordable and accessible reproductive health program.

A slight tension occurred during the 15-minute dialogue while Figura was explaining that the Church was not interfering but "merely issuing guidelines."

"Based on what? On your non-sexual experience?" protester Marlon Lacsamana snapped.

No meddling

The priest appealed for respect from the protesters, saying he had come out of his office to listen to their concerns.

Figura also explained that what critics were labeling as "meddling" by the Church was actually a collaboration between the government and the Church.

In many instances, he noted, government agencies had sought the opinion and suggestions of the CBCP on problems confronting the country, such as the plight of overseas workers and illegal mining.

"This is not us meddling because the government itself is seeking and soliciting the help of the CBCP," said Figura.

Celdran released; 'Damaso' acclaimed in cyberspace

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for his protest action that disrupted an ecumenical service at Manila Cathedral. But he admitted surprise that Church officials went ahead and charged him with "offending the religious feelings." City Prosecutor Ma. Elena Corcio-Rarang found probable cause for the violation of Article 133 of the Revised Penal Code.

He was released at around 4 p.m. yesterday from the Manila Police District (MPD) Station 5 in Ermita after posting a P6,000 bail bond.

Celdran spoke with the Inquirer while he was detained at the holding cell, jokingly describing his protest action as a "stroke of genius." He had disrupted a Mass attended by Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales and other Church personages by shouting that the Church should not involve itself in politics and hoisting a placard bearing the name "Damaso," a reference to the friar in national hero Jose Rizal's novel "Noli Me Tangere."

"I would do it again for the first time if I did not do it before. Hopefully I would not have to do that again and Filipinos will be more vigilant," he said.

'Fix your own house'

Clad in a yellow shirt printed with the words "RH Books," Celdran said the Church should not meddle in matters that it purportedly knew nothing about.

"They obviously don't know anything about sex," he said. "They should fix their own house first."

Celdran said that he had been actively advocating the passage of the RH bill for five years, and that his protest action happened on "the spur of the moment."

"I was only planning to hold up the (white) board outside Manila Cathedral, but it was so easy so I went inside. I was so near the altar that I got tempted, so I went ahead with my message. I thought it was only a regular Mass," he said.

Asked if he would do the same thing again, Celdran laughingly replied: "I never wear the same clothes twice."

"I have always been very respectful. I still love the Catholic heritage. I am a Catholic but I am very, very disappointed with the Catholic Church."

Nevertheless, Celdran said, he was surprised that Church officials pursued the case against him.

He told the Inquirer that Msgr. Nestor Cerbo, the rector of Manila Cathedral, talked with him on Thursday night and asked him to sign a promissory note stating that he would never repeat what he had done.



FREE HIM A supporter of Carlos Celdran demonstrates in front of the police precinct where he is detained. Celdran was arrested at Manila Cathedral while protesting Church opposition to the RH bill. EDWIN BACASMAS

He said he signed the note thinking that the charge would be dropped, but it was not.

'Notoriously offensive'

Celdran was freed after his lawyer Marlon Manuel and members of his family posted bail and Metropolitan Trial Court Executive Judge Sarah Alma Lim signed the order for his release.

Manuel said what had to be proven in court was whether hoisting a placard with "Damaso" written on it was "notoriously offensive to the faithful."

Celdran told reporters: "I have nothing against those (who are in the) Church. I understand where they are coming from.

"I have no animosity against the Catholic Church. But reproductive health is a basic human right."

Celdran also said he supported the Church in its other advocacies, particularly agrarian reform.

"We are entering the age of revolution. If a trial has to prove it, so be it," he said.

'How can we progress?'

Celdran's sister Dennie told the Inquirer that she was not surprised at what her younger sibling did.

"He is impulsive and theatrical. It just comes out," Dennie said.

She said that in her brother's nine years of staying in Intramuros, he was exposed to all forms of poverty. "There are more children. In the depressed areas than adults... How can we progress as a country if it's like that?"

Dennie also said her brother had been involved in the distribution of condoms to impoverished families in Intramuros and even spent for the tubal ligation of some of the mothers.

In a picket yesterday outside the MPD Station 5 compound, some 20 members of a group calling itself the Filipino Freethinkers expressed support for Celdran's stand against continuing Church intervention in state affairs.

Organizer Red Tani told reporters that not all Catholics and not all Filipinos held the same view as the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, which had chided President Aquino on his stance that couples should have a free choice on the method to be used for family planning.

Tani also called for the repeal of the "archaic" Article 133 of the Revised Penal Code, saying: "We are no longer in the dark ages."

He also said that while his group was not proposing civil disobedience, Celdran's advocacy should be supported.

'Unchristian'

At the House of Representatives, Minority Leader Edcel Lagman criticized Celdran's detention for his protest action.

Lagman, a prime proponent of the RH bill in the House, issued a statement that said in part:

"The criminal complaint of the Archdiocese of Manila, which caused the prolonged detention of RH activist Carlos Celdran in a police cell, smacks of intolerance and unchristian conduct by the Catholic hierarchy.

"It is revealing too for the Church's opposition to the (RH) bill because the ejection of Celdran from the Manila Cathedral premises was sufficient and his incarceration at the time when prosecutory and judicial offices were closed was unnecessary and unwarranted."

Lagman, a lawyer, also said the charge of "offending the religious feelings" was "of an archaic and colonial vestige."

He pointed out that priests opposed to the RH bill's passage had been using the pulpit as a campaign against it despite the solemnity of a Mass.

The page "Free Carlos Celdran," created by Celdran's friends, condemned "the antiquated views of the Church" and supported the RH bill.

'Like Martin Luther'

Some of the comments bashed the President and his stand on the matter.

The page's creators likened Celdran to Martin Luther, who spoke out against the Church's sale of "indulgences" in the 15th century and whose writings inspired the Protestant reformation:

"Back then, Martin Luther nailed his protests against the Catholic Church on its door. Now, Carlos brought his protests through more creative means. And with the advent of social media, our collective protests should be heard, loud and clear.

"The silent majority has finally found its courage to speak up against their qualms about the Church, thanks to the boldness of Carlos' actions. Carlos, our friend, we are proud of you and support you all the way. NOBODY has guts like you do. You are shaping history."

The page drew comments from Facebook users coming from all walks of life—Catholics, Filipino-Americans, foreigners, and even non-supporters of the RH bill.

'Church meddling'

Here is a sampling of the comments:

- "Sometimes the Church thinks that the population explosion is still a blessing. It is a blessing, if the government can support its people." –Ivy Christine
- "I'm a devout and practicing Catholic but the Church meddling in government affairs is too much!" –Russell Dacanay
- "OBC bill reaches responsibility and not immorality. Let us start becoming responsible." –Dominic Villalobos
- "This is why there is no progress, our religious leaders still have medieval attitudes." –J Nestor Macalalad

- "The Philippine Catholic Church ... remains blind to the poverty perpetuated by ignorance, overpopulation and indifference. To condemn measures that address this is criminal, not holy. Free Carlos and to the priests, free this country from the dark ages." –Angelica Esguerra-Remorosa
- "The Church can freely express their view regarding family planning. But it's another thing to (threaten) the government if they do not get what they want. Pardon me, but that's the way of spoiled brats. Mr. Celdran, thank you for standing up for this. I think you just started something. Good luck to us." –Lotus Ramos
- "What Carlos did and how the Church consequently acted forced us to stop being quiet. I agree, the silent majority is no longer silent. The friars' days are numbered. Mabuhay ka Carlos!" –Malcolm C. Gonzales-Tagdar

'You've got guts'

- "(I support) Carlos Celdran in his stand against the Catholic Church's rigid principle on the RH program. The approach employed may be unorthodox, theatrical even, but it clearly demonstrates the sentiment of the majority of Filipinos." –Andrea Monsod
- "You've got guts, Carlos. The Church is worried about the decline of morality. The President has to deal with babies in garbage bags & the population growing and eating into our natural resources. Why can't the Church just think of facts into urging people to abortion through education, prayer & counsel? We Catholics cannot possibly decide what's best for a nation that is not ENTIRELY Catholic. We need to respect that we're not the only faith here in the country." –Chiara Emilie Sincloit
- "I don't support the RH bill but I support freedom of speech." –Jonavee Valenzuela
- "I'm not Filipino but I definitely applaud this man for standing up (to) the self-declared power of the Catholic Church. I hope to see the entire empire collapse around its corrupt feet." –William Fink
- "Why (doesn't) the Church excommunicate those priests who sexually abused little boys instead of threatening the President? And what about those priests who have kids? ... Carlos Celdran, the modern day Rizal" –Philip Lo
- "Who's should stand by his position (for) informed reproductive choice! The Catholic Church must realize that access to information is the only issue here. Whether people would use artificial means or not is a testament to how effective (and credible) the Church is in getting its people... Go Carlos Celdran!" –Jo Valenzuela. *With a report from Michael Lim Ubac*

Latin American leaders hold emergency meeting

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Ecuador soldiers rescue president from rebel cops

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Quixotic

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THE DECISION of the House justice committee to press on with impeachment proceedings against Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez in the face of a Supreme Court status quo ante order is an act of defiance that's impressive but misguided. It's a quixotic act in that while the justice committee led by Iloilo Rep. Niel Tupas Jr. is leading the charge against the high-court dragon that may admittedly be widely perceived as a ranged lackey of the justice system, what it is really storming is just a windmill. To be sure, the Supreme Court order is something that the committee has to respect since it comes, after all, from the judiciary, that branch of the government primarily in charge of deciding issues of law and justice, justice which is the House committee's concern. The order, in short, is simply procedural. Thus, the defiance is a wasted effort, an empty act of bravura.

Worse, the defiance could lead to a constitutional crisis, which the House of Representatives should avoid in order to firmly establish the constitutional validity and legal rectitude of the impeachment against the ombudsman. Cagayan de Oro Rep. Rufus Rodriguez was correct in saying, "If we're going to defy the Supreme Court, which is given by the Constitution the authority to accept and decide on petitions ... then we have a Constitution, but no constitutionalism."

The charges against Gutierrez are substantial and serious. Only the blind would deny the shielded former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the members of her family, close associates and officials from charges of corruption, enrichment in office and abuse of authority. The first complaint cites her for culpable violation of the Constitution and betrayal of public trust in connection with the death of a Navy ensign believed to have been murdered, arrests during a 2006 rally and the botched NBN-ZTE deal with China. Another complaint cites the ombudsman's failure to act on the P728-million fertilizer scam despite Senate findings of anomalous transactions.

Considering that the charges against her are serious, it was only proper for Gutierrez to seek judicial relief. In her petition to the Supreme Court, she said that the House committee's decision to hear the two complaints violated the constitutional provision that allows the trial of only one case a year against a public official who can only be fired by an action of Congress.

Whatever one's personal sentiments about the ombudsman, the issue she has raised is serious. It's a constitutional issue, and it should be addressed by the Supreme Court that is mandated to decide on such issues. Strictly speaking, it is the same high court that voided the P1.3-billion supply deal of Mega Pacific with the Commission on Elections under Benjamin Abalos, findings which Gutierrez ignored and sat on during the last administration. But that's really beside the point now.

Many have justly read with cynicism the status quo ante order as the old-boys club coming to the rescue of the ombudsman: the high court after all is dominated by appointees of the former president who, as expected, had voted overwhelmingly in favor of the woman who herself had insulted the Supreme Court by ignoring its findings on the graft-laden Comelec-Mega Pacific automation deal. But it is also the same Court that intervened in the past on impeachment proceedings, as when it stopped the House from sending the impeachment complaint to the Senate in connection with the move to oust then Chief Justice Hilario Davide in 2003. At that time, the House deferred to the Supreme Court.

The House leadership itself has reacted with caution on the order. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has asked all the House committees to drop whatever they are doing now and focus on the budget, a move that stops the justice committee from proceeding with the impeachment case and gives the Court ample time to make a decision on the Gutierrez petition. This should give the hawks and hotheads in the administration-dominated committee time to cool down and reflect on the fact the possibility that they may be leading the charge against a windmill that they see as a dragon. They should pull back a little and avoid sending the nation into a constitutional crisis whose outcome is hard to predict.

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COTABATO CITY—The main suspect in the gang rape of a volunteer nurse in Maguindanao last week is a scion of a political family, according to reports gathered by police.

Continued power supply assured Albay folk



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INQUIRER Visayas

An off-road food trip for Bacolod bikers

By Carla P. Gomez
Bacolod City

AN OFF-ROAD eatery run by a 68-year-old woman is increasingly drawing bikers to Barangay Granada in their normal route in Bacolod City.

Lola Lilia's carinderia looks ordinary but the delicious Filipino food she has concocted for more than 40 years had enabled her to send all five of her children and other family members through college.

When her children were still growing up, Lola Lilia (Lilia Jaime) sold banana cue and eventually set up a small wayside eatery. Her husband, Alfonso, was a taxi driver who was suffering from a chronic lung disease.

No recipes

"I taught myself to cook food I had tasted and liked. I had no recipes to follow," Jaime says.

As a young wife juggling both work and home life, she would normally start the day at 4 a.m. to buy fresh food supplies from the market. In between cooking, she would wash the school uniforms of her children. At night, she would not sleep until after she had washed all pots and pans for tomorrow's cooking.



HUNGRY bikers arrive to take their meals at Lola Lilia's place. [illegible]

Jaime never got tired of her work. "I was inspired by the fact that I had enough money to send my children to school and give them a future, and by seeing the joy on the faces of the people who eat my food," she says.

The long workdays paid off. Lynette, now 48, her eldest daughter is a commerce graduate working in a local school. Jessie, now 43, is a teacher.

Maria Cecilia and Annalisa are nurses working in Abu Dhabi, and Lenny, the youngest, is a human resource management graduate.

"My children were honor students and none of them dropped out of school," she beams.

Maria Cecilia is a head nurse at a hospital and also works as a special nurse for a princess in Abu Dhabi.

[illegible] Lola Lilia's five carinderias—Gingging's Eatery on [illegible] Street and [illegible] Tripple J Baby [illegible] Medel Street, both in Barangay Granada.

Lola Lilia still cooks at and manages the Medel eatery. Among her many customers at Tripple J are bikers, many of them doctors, who would arrive in the morning and sometimes tag along [illegible].

It is the best time to get a taste of what is available before it is all gone.

Jaime's specialty is [illegible] cooked in coconut milk, but her other dishes are also [illegible], a spicy Filipino dish of pork [illegible] and liver, dinuguan, [illegible].

Savory dishes

She also serves the usual [illegible] of fish, meat and vegetables, which are best eaten with steaming hot rice.

At noon, the eatery is filled with students from a nearby school. Jaime no longer serves dinner, unlike what she did in her younger days.

Despite her age, she does not have the ailments of other people her age. "I do not think about bad things. I think about good things that happen in my life—that and seeing people enjoying my food keep me strong and happy," she said.

And Lola Lilia has not stopped sending younger generations of her expanding family to school, through her eatery.

Her grandchildren have gone to college, too. Two are nurses in Abu Dhabi and Riyadh. She has also sent a niece to nursing school.

NEWS

US keeps hands off RH row

By Alcuin Papa

THE UNITED States is keeping out of the raging debate on population control between the Catholic Church and the Aquino government.

US Ambassador Harry K. Thomas Jr. told reporters in Camp Crame that the issue of reproductive health in the Philippines was not a concern of the US government.

"That is not an issue for the United States government or the embassy to weigh ourselves into," Thomas said.

Fr. Melvin Castro of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) Commission on Family and Life earlier said he believed the US government had influenced President Aquino's "change of stance" to support population control.

But CBCP media director Msgr. Pedro Quitorio clarified that the CBCP did not believe that the US government had influenced the President, noting that Aquino had already expressed support for population control even before he visited the US in September.

The Catholic Church and the Aquino government have found themselves at loggerheads over the issue of population control and a reproductive health bill pending in Congress.

Until recently, the Philippines relied on international organizations, mainly the US Agency for International Development (Usaid), to fund its population control program. Usaid gave $3.5 million annually to subsidize condoms, birth control pills and injectable and intrauterine contraceptives.

Citing limited funding sources, Usaid stopped supplying the Philippines with condoms in 2003, birth-control pills in 2007 and injectable contraceptives in 2008.



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Malabon Zoo owner Manny Tangco parades his Burmese pythons inside the zoo after a blessing from a priest.

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No tall condos on Edsa —Abalos

NOT ON my turf.

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Gov't, private bodies tapped for oil leak tests

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The WORLD

Burma junta to release Suu Kyi days after polls

RANGOON—Democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi will be released in November, just days after Burma's (Myanmar's) first election in two decades, officials in the junta-ruled country said.

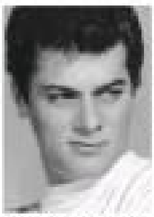


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India court ruling divides holy site

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Hollywood matinee idol Tony Curtis dead at 85



TONY Curtis in undated photo

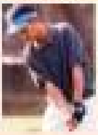
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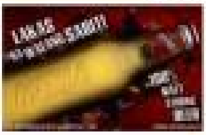
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Roach wants Pacman off ropes

Manny told: Don't get cornered

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FREE GPS UNITS AT BPI FAMILY BANK ALABANG AUTO MADNESS



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UM Hawks sweep STI, bag 6th Naascu cage title

Putra Cuppers hang on to 2nd

RP juniors go all the way; Pinays 2nd





Defense, steady improvement key for never-say-die Eagles

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Knights nip Bombers, bag first FIBL victory

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70 fights in San Juan 4-stag derby today



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Altas cheer squad makes it back-to-back

No pain, no pleasure

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Country stands to gain much from global recovery

By Michelle V. Remo

THE PHILIPPINE economy is expected to grow by 8 percent this year due to favorable conditions that are seen to benefit emerging markets, according to Barclays.

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Shares edge up

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Austerity plans cloud jobs recovery, ILO says



Property



Saving homes from future disaster

By Charles E. Buban

AS THE country commemorates the fury of last year's typhoon "Ondoy," Felino Palafox Jr., founder, managing director and principal architect of Palafox Associates, is suggesting communities not to wait for whatever the government will set up to prevent the repeat of the Sept. 26 disaster that affected almost 5 million individuals (464 killed) and posted P10.97 billion worth of damage to agriculture and infrastructure.

"The effort is still being felt up to this day as it would be best for communities to be prepared as nobody really knows when the next destructive typhoon will come. And there are immediate actions that could be done," Palafox said.

Foremost among these suggestions is the preparation of hazard maps for flooding, earthquakes, volcanic eruption, tsunami, fire and even rising water levels due to climate change and other hazards.

These maps should be able to put together publicly available geophysical and socio-historical data on factors that contributed to previous disasters or may contribute to the vulnerability of certain communities to disasters.

Tool

"It should be utilized as a tool that communities may use to plan on how to protect themselves from future disasters brought on by natural or man-made hazards," Palafox explained.

The next that should be taken care of is the inspection of structures particularly those built by the government, like schools, hospital and bridges.

"It is important for community leaders to bring someone who could be able to make a quick assessment. That person could then forward his observation to the proper authorities or experts who may perform another but thorough inspection of the place and then recommend on whether a particular structure is in danger of collapsing or just needs reinforcement," Palafox said.

He adds that this is important because places like public schools and hospitals have a high concentration of people and should an accident arise, casualties might be alarmingly high.

Evacuation sites

The multi-awarded urban planner also said communities should secure evacuation space and routes in order to protect lives should a flood, an earthquake or fire occur.

Aside from securing an area that will be devoted as an evacuation site, communities should also be ready to identify nearby bodies of water (creek, stream, river or lake) that is important to draining excess water.

Palafox suggests organizing a group that would perform cleanup and repair of embankments or making sure flood control systems or breakwaters will work in times of emergencies.

He said that on a smaller scale homeowners may also perform similar steps to inspect if their houses already have parts that might buckle, crack or fall off during an earthquake; if the house has emergency access panels where household could escape during a fire; or if they have an escape plan should a flood or other emergencies arise.

"It was unfortunate that the disaster Ondoy brought has to happen. But it woke everybody up and if we remain unconcerned, we could expect a repeat of the massive flooding that caught people unprepared last year. If we cannot immediately prevent the flooding, at least we reduce its effect and prevent any serious occurrences," he said who reminded that he, in fact, submitted a number of recommendations that should guide both the government and private sector on what they could do to prepare for any type of disaster.



MOSAIC "Chez" residence



A ONE-BEDROOM loft unit at Avant

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Pueblo de Oro Unveils Affordable Housing Projects

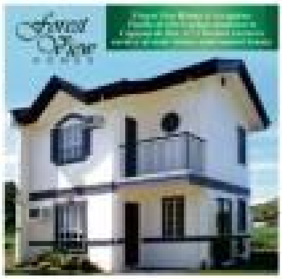
La Aldea FERNANDINA

Spanish Mediterranean inspired two-storey townhouse units with design concepts that welcome any improvements you may want to fit in

Pueblo de Oro: The Gold Standard in Community Living

Pueblo de Oro is committed to addressing the needs of a growing and dynamic consumer market by making available a comprehensive product mix that includes quality residential facilities, ranging from exclusive residential villages for the high-end market, to value-packed middle income housing packages and highly affordable housing units where work, business, recreation and lifestyle essentials are all within reach. They truly make the company the gold standard in community living.

For more info visit www.pueblodeoro.com



Every family deserves to have a choice of where to live and access to a home that is within its means. Imagine living in a community that offers a life of security and sense of belonging; a place that provides the complete essentials of modern life all within arm's reach at affordable prices. This is made into reality by Pueblo de Oro Development Corporation.

Located in Cagayan de Oro City; Mactan, Cebu; San Fernando, Pampanga; and Sto. Tomas, Batangas, Pueblo de Oro offers a slew of affordable economic housing projects fit for a range of budgets. Spanish-Mediterranean themed townhouses under the La Aldea line are perfect for start up families. Forest View Homes, located at the Pueblo de Oro township in Cagayan de Oro, exudes country living charm for families preferring single unit houses. For less than P5,000 a month, there is something here for everyone.

Affordability without compromising quality, all of Pueblo's economic housing projects boast of a landscaped park and playground, perimeter wall, entrance gates with strict security guards and close proximity to the school, mall, markets, and hospital and government offices. One will truly feel at home in these sustainable communities.

Forest View Homes in Cagayan de Oro

Set against the magnificent 40-hectare Pueblo Urban Rainforest, Forest View Homes is a peaceful enclave of rustic homes amid natural beauty. Located in the valley portion of the Pueblo de Oro Township, residents can enjoy the cool breezes and serene atmosphere while being only minutes away from city conveniences.

La Aldea in Cebu, Pampanga and Batangas

Lapu-lapu City's rich heritage is reflected in La Aldea del Rio's two-storey townhouse units that reflect a classic Spanish-Mediterranean inspired façade and interior artistry with design concepts that welcome any improvements and additions the owner may want to fit in.

Nestled in the heart of the bustling city of San Fernando, the 50-hectare Pueblo de Oro Communities Pampanga offers La Aldea Fernandina, its trademark Spanish-Mediterranean townhouses which showcase large windows to bring in the warm radiance of sunlight and provide the occupants a refreshing view of the outdoors, among other distinctive features.

Pueblo de Oro is also starting a similar development in Sto. Tomas, Batangas.





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Benefits to cancer patients

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Air, water pollution control

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Bedan recalls that Sunday afternoon

A woman tapped an injured guy on the cheeks, saying repeatedly, "Hoy! Gumising ka! Kaya mo yan, lumaban ka."



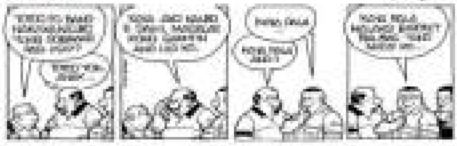
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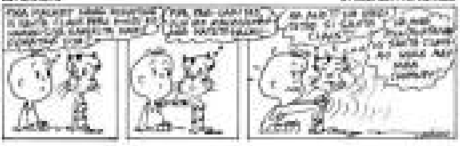
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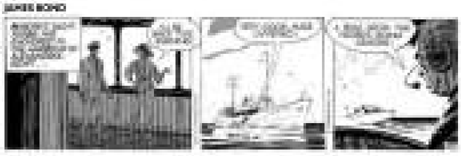


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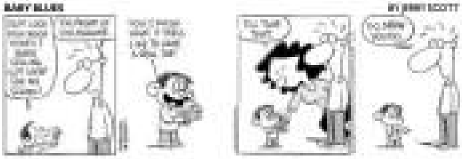




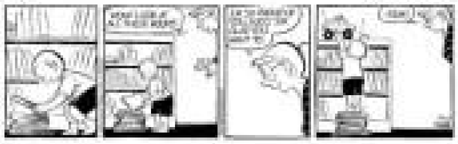
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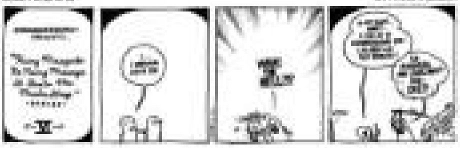
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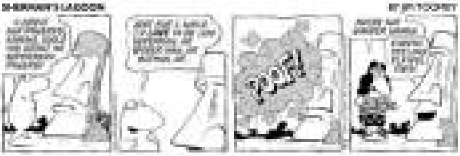




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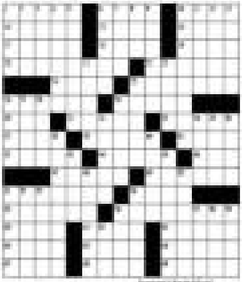
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Japanese students find riding jeepneys/tricyles as the most memorable experience here



Bedan recalls that...

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The high of adolescence, the low of growing up

Barry Lyga's 'Goth Girl Rising' is so real it hurts—and heals—at the same time



Unusual technique

Female perspective



The mane event

Was Kirk Long channeling Dennis Rodman for his shocking hair color?

By Ruth L. Navarro

IT WAS the first game of the UAAP finals. There's a tangible excitement in the air and cheers became louder as the players entered the court. Lo and behold, the Ateneo Blue Eagle's most popular player showed up with his brand new hair.

Kirk Long got rid of his long, Zac Efron-ish locks for a buzz cut. But it's not just the style that made the girls gasp in surprise. The color he chose to dye it with was a shocking bright yellow shade. It just grabs your attention and makes you stare.

Maybe that's why the FEU Tamaraws played their worst game this season. They couldn't get over his hair!



KIRK entered the court in last year's PCCL championship with bleached blonde hair

Hair styling fun

"I have been bleaching my hair blonde since I was 16. It was during summer so my mom let me and my (younger) brother dye our hair. Whenever I have big basketball games coming up, I like to change my hair just to add fun to the week," says the 21-year-old shooting guard.

His stylist? His older sister Joan. She studied cosmetology in the United States and she's his best friend. That's why she gets to boss him around and play with his hair. He says his opinions come in, too, sometimes.

When she's not busy experimenting on his mane, she passes on her knowledge to widows in their community so they could have a livelihood that will send their children to school. She operates J Salon in Cainta. "J" stands for her name and [illegible].

Kirk has a natural dirty blonde hair. He shaved it once in high school along with his teammates when they won a tournament in Japan. He tried Mohawk, too. He's thinking of dyeing his hair black next year so he could be just like the rest of his teammates.

Blue hair?

In the middle of the Eagle's three-peat championship celebration last Thursday, Kirk says he'll dye his hair blue.

"I'll do it tomorrow," he says, flashing a big smile. If he keeps his word, he'll attend the bonfire ceremonies with his school color on his head. Or maybe, just maybe, he'll surprise his fans with another unexpected color.



KIRK'S hair at earlier in the season. Sorry girls, this good boy's heart is taken. He confesses that he has been steadily going out with a girl for two years now.





Come as you aren't

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CONTINUED

Happy future

Young design talent aims to wow Japan

By Earl Cabal

LIVING in the Third World has its drawbacks—and blessings.

The night before the final submission of entries to the prestigious 49th Japan Fashion Design contest, fashion designer Happy Andrada pulled an all-nighter to work on her entry sketches—in candlelight. She had to make it on time for the courier service at 5 p.m.

"It was really hard to see with just candles," said the 22-year-old Lasalle College International Fashion graduate.

Just imagine her sigh of relief when her designs were done.

"I used a metallic pen. I didn't see if it was neat



FASHION designer Happy Andrada in her Alice in Wonderland costume.



"THE FUTURE will have Cultural Unity" makes use of tribal prints with fabric techniques like braiding, beading and knitting.

by metallic! I just saw it the day after, and told myself 'oh metallic ngo talaga ako!'"

She owes it to her designer friend Tracy Dizon that she and a couple of young designers were invited to join the contest.

On Oct. 16, Happy with Jerome Lorico and Nicole Mori, will represent the Philippines in the contest at Meguro Gajoen Hotel in Tokyo.

This year's competition theme is "2020 Smart to the Future," organized by Nonsanken Fashion Promotion Committee.

Happy sticks to the design tracks, using relevant feature entry titles—"The Future is Bright," "The Future will Rock" and "The Future will have Cultural Unity"—under a Global Trotter theme, inspired by globe trotters and globalization.

"Global trotters are inspired by on-the-go people who fly from one country to another. With globalization, the world seems like a smaller place, and requires a lot of traveling," she says about her futuristic creations.

Futuristic 3D

"The Future is Bright" is inspired by the sun, where she used a technique she learned in her high school art class at the International School Manila.

"I used the color monochrome of orange red and browns. I believe that the future is bright, with the sun symbolizing new energy," she says.

"The Future will Rock" is inspired by rock formations, contrasted with smooth concrete. She believes that these sturdy materials are able to withstand the future and test of time.

"I was inspired by our historic places like Intramuros, and how the structures and walls were able to stand through time and able to witness history," she says. Her creation is a monochrome of light grey and black, with fabric textures and mixed with patterns.

"I am also using heavy pleating, mimicking one another. I wanted to create something 3D with highlights and shadowing," she adds.

"The Future will have Cultural Unity" suggests embracing unity and peace. "Just forget war and being citizens of the world," she stresses. She uses tribal prints with fabric techniques of braiding, beading and knitting.



HARAJUKU love: Happy creates Cosplay costumes. She plays with ode patterns.



"THE FUTURE will Rock" inspired by Intramuros.

Harajuku and Pinoy

She loves to travel and has been to many places, but there's one place that's inspired her fashion the most. "I love the fashion in Japan especially in Harajuku. It's like heaven for me, where people are not worried about going 'all-out' or being over dressed ... it's just showing who you are."

Happy explains her use of indigenous materials—"I wanted something that is made here, that we are proud to show to the world that it is ours."

She incorporates in her designs such fabrics as abaca, piña cloth and native embellishments like shoes lace, abaca rope, shells, coconut buttons and carabao horn and seeds.

Her creations, like Harajuku style, is maximalist. "I add different materials, treatments and details but not looking like trash.

"It is definitely something fun, something I worked hard on and something I'm proud of."

Given her unique style and resource handling of Filipino materials, Happy wants to make her country proud at the competition in Japan. "I just want to do good in representing the Philippines—to learn and be inspired by this once-in-a-life time experience."

Happy is a Japanese anime fan and avid cosplayer. She has created a Lolita line, which cosplayers will surely enjoy, available in her store 2nd SET Fashion Art, 24 J. Beratan cor. K. 1st, Kamuning, Quezon City.

Come as you aren't

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Manalastas cost around P15,000 in materials and labor. If you don't have the skills or time to make your own costume, you can always resort to the RTW ones in hobby shops—although you wouldn't be as unique.

A lot of cosplayers have their costumes and props tailor-made. Singson has even made an online business of it at pinoycosplaymats.multiply.com. He takes care of the materials and labor. Prices are subject to the costume depending on the complexity of the order.

Business is booming—he's already fully booked for 2010 and has stopped accepting orders for now.

If you go DIY, Singson suggests a few bazaars where materials are cheaper: Greenhills, Divisoria, surplus shops, tiangges, shoe supplies stores or factories like Cebu, manufacturing stores like Evanglow (for leather, rubber and metal add-ons), and Kalye Tela in Tayug, Baak, where cloth is sold per kilo instead of per yard.

"Kaya mo ba?" Serious cosplay is an investment of not only money, but also skilled labor and time. First, research a good reference for your costume. Singson advises action figures because they're already three-dimensional. Also set aside time to hunt for materials. After which, labor could take months, even if you commission someone else to do it. There's also storage space and transport to keep in mind.

"Most of [cosplay] is planning," says Inocian, also one of the judges for the Best of Anime cosplay tilt. "Go for achievable goals. Start simple, then gain experience."

Above all, be creative. "I look for details and creativity in a costume," he says. "A costume is good when it showcases talent and hard work; creativity in using items for which they were never intended; originality and inventiveness in design and execution."

Singson, for one, would even use household pipes or cement in his creations, and there's no reason why you shouldn't be as resourceful. There have been cosplayers before who, lacking wigs, would use soft brooms to mimic anime characters' blonde, pointy, dirty, top hair.

For more tricks of the trade or to find like-minded enthusiasts, drop by the Cosplaypub forums or Cosplay Mania X today. As Bafran puts it: "Creativity and competitive aspects are a very big draw, but I feel what makes Philippine cosplay unique is the bright kuril community."

Cosplay Mania X promises anime, comics, gaming and cosplay merchandise and exhibits. Workshop with the likes of Singapore-based Yunalesca cosplayer Clive Lee and online cosplay celebs Tenzido Team.



HIT BALL: Costumes aren't restricted to anime. Here, Pinoy girls come as band from K-ON!



A VOCALOID idol plays it up



CROSS OVER: Crossdressing isn't always tacky. Here, a girl beautifully cosplays a male character.



THE MORE THE MERRIER: Couples, buddies and in groups to make it even fun.



SCHOOLGIRLS and playmates are staples in anime events, as shown by these "Toradora" cosplayers



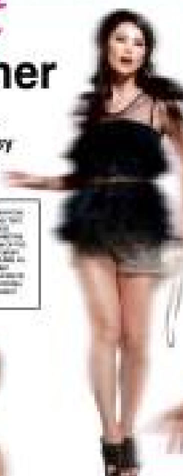
CRAFTSMAN: Guy Singson topped the Best of Anime 2010 Cosplay tilt with this Spawn Mandarin costume he made himself.

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In the fluff



Feather-weight





Gold trip



Flights of fancy

Model style stats

Philippine's Elite Model Look competition representative Pauline Prieto reveals her worse style moment, cheap wardrobe updates, and 5 days of style











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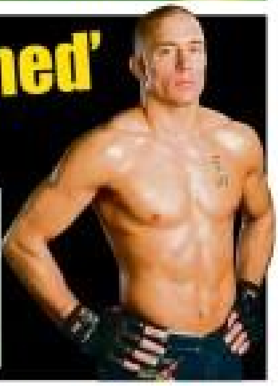


'I am overwhelmed'

UFC champ Georges St-Pierre wows Filipino fans

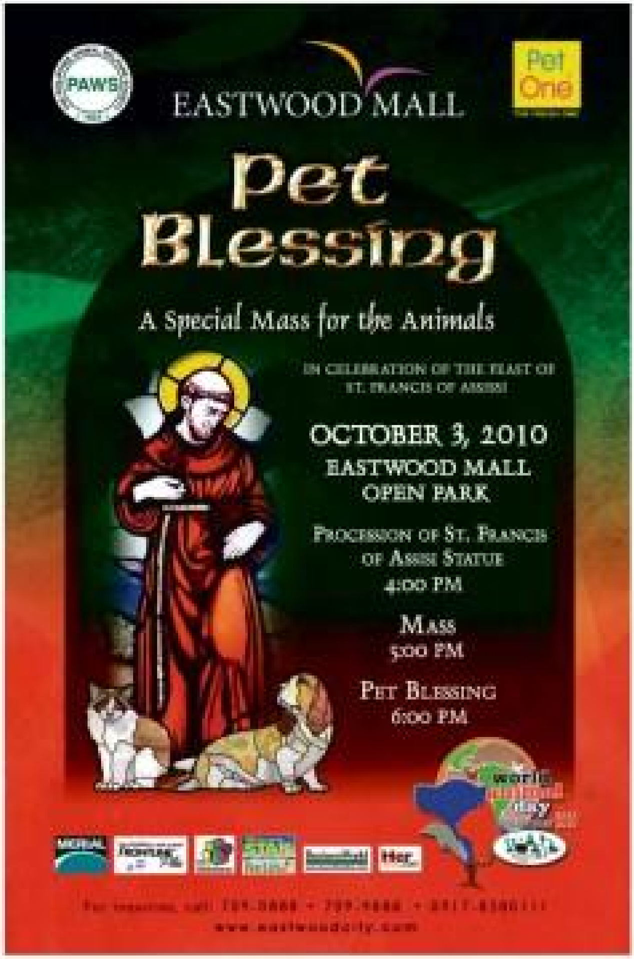






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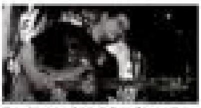
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Where to Stop Where to Go

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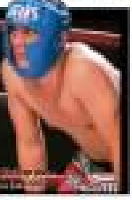
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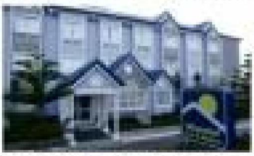
Baptism of fire

I have suddenly become cool now that people have learned I have a mixed martial art champion kin



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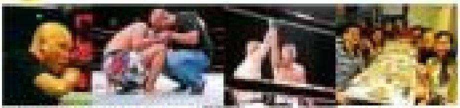
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Discover paradise at Nandana Boracay



Baptism of fire

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Richard Lagarilla coaching another fighter; Team Square's Pinoy Garcia comforts his fighter; Patrick Gamboa raises Alvin's hand after the fight; Alvin's fam club-family

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Family of fighters

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Adrenaline fight

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Super LifeStyle



Super gets an exclusive peek at the private paddock, garage, and laboratory of F1 champion team Ferrari

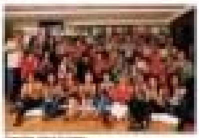
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Payless Shoesource and Carewell

unite against cancer

with Breast Cancer Awareness pink bracelets

October is International Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Payless ShoeSource Philippines, continuing the advocacies and giving programs started by its parent brand in the United States, will make available its sought-after Breast Cancer Awareness pink bracelets to shoppers who want to make a difference in the fight against the dreaded disease.



This whole month of October until November 2, for every purchase of the limited-edition Payless Breast Cancer Awareness pink bracelet, a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the programs and services of the Cancer Resource and Wellness (Carewell) Community, a non-stock, not-for-profit organization that offers free support, education, and resources to persons living with cancer.

"Traveling the cancer journey can make people feel very isolated, powerless, and hopeless," said Robert Sunday, Carewell's Managing Director. "At Carewell, we offer a caring and compassionate network of cancer survivors, caregivers, and medical practitioners that help people with cancer and their families cope more effectively with the challenges of living with the disease. The generous support of Payless and its customers will allow us to continue to provide our services for free to everyone in the cancer community."

"We're very pleased to partner with our shoppers and Carewell to raise awareness and support for the cancer community, particularly breast cancer," said Crickette Tantoco, Marketing Communications Manager of Payless. "With the very fashionable and affordable Breast Cancer Awareness bracelets, our customers get a stylish accessory that will help spread awareness of the cancer support movement, and we also provide people with the opportunity to contribute and do their part in helping people with the disease."

The BCA pink bracelet is priced at just P175 and will be available at all Payless ShoeSource stores nationwide.

Payless Shoesource is the largest specialty family footwear retailer in the United States, and has more than 4500 retail stores around the world. In the Philippines, it has stores in Festival Mall Alabang, SM Megamall, Ali Mall Cubao, and Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

For more information on how you can help in the cancer movement, you may visit Carewell's website at www.carewellcommunity.org.

SINGAPORE F1 GRAND PRIX

Super gets an exclusive peek at the private paddock, garage, and laboratory of F1 champion team Ferrari













Partners in performance

Joyride at the tracks





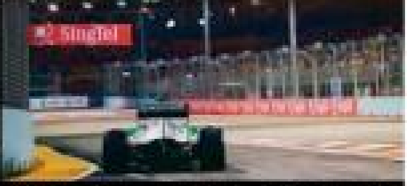
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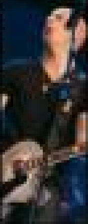
So drawn to its sights and sounds





Off-track excitement





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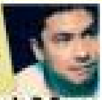
Make or break

Super talks pipe dreams with 'How To Make It In America' star Victor Rasuk





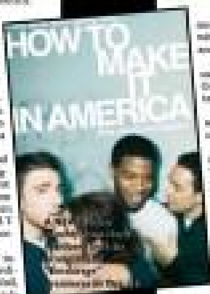
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Paolo R. Reyes

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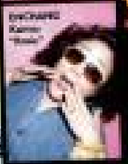


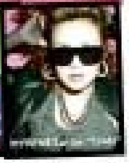
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"How To Make It in America" premieres on Oct. 11, Monday, at 9 p.m. exclusively on HBO and HBO HD.

Party like it's 1985

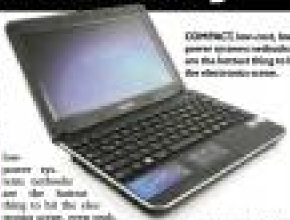
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Streisand, Swift and Boyle are back in the spotlight

By Rito P. Asilo

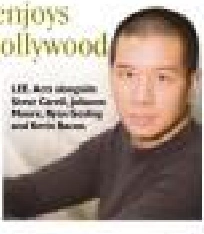




'Glee' continues to fly high



Fil-Am actor enjoys steady work in Hollywood



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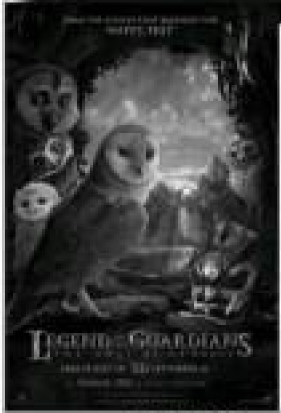




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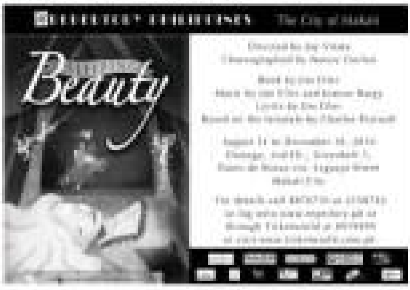
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Stars and TV executives react

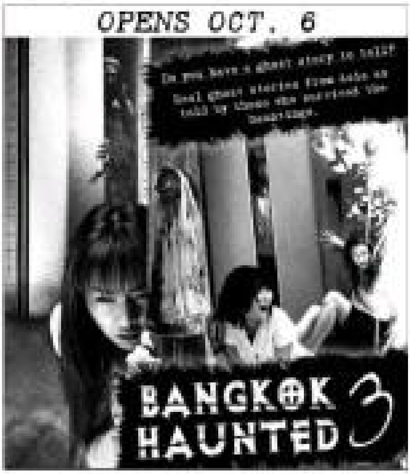








Streisand, Swift...







Tinseltown's 'Mighty Mite' still counts his blessings



Versatility

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What does Jericho do aside from act?

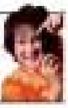


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Street Smart



Mandy Navasero

Abby lived life to the fullest



Treatment

Resting place

Exhibit pays tribute to eagles

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Fil-Am actor ...

Will Willie Revillame's new game show take flight?



REVILLAME: Major cliffhanger

Big question

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Sayles' latest indie tackles US occupation of the Philippines

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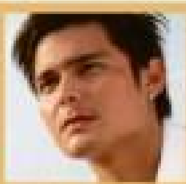
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Stars plot next moves as competition heats up



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By Nestor U. Torre

WITH SO many new stars and starlets in show business struggling to keep their careers viable and eventful, competition has heated up to fever pitch as they plan their next moves. What could their rivals be thinking up in turn to counteract their dynamic and dramatic initiatives?

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New programs

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Coming-of-age tale is a visual feast

By Norbert Torre

Evil couple

Three books



"LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS." Bursts with breathtaking bird's-eye views of dramatic landscapes.

Stigmatic saint's wise words are as relevant as ever

By Lito Bertongan-Alvarez



PADRE PIO: Extraordinary gifts of grace.

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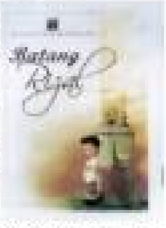
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Peta marks Children's Month

On Discovery Channel

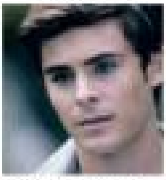


KOMIKS heroines inspire jewelry designs.



"BATANG RIZAL." Will be staged on Oct. 1-5.

'Boeng Adarna'



EFRON: Cast as an ambitious high school graduate in "Charlie St. Cloud."

'Xtremely Private'

At Starmall

Theater Down South's 'Forum'

Dawn Zulueta returns to the stage

By Bayani Gimenez



ZULUETA: "A play allows me to be more passionate about the character I'm portraying."

Less stressful

'Ito Ang Batas' is public...

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No dull moments

Industry insiders discuss...

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Biel, Mendes and Weisz go behind the camera



Thorns

Young musicians carry on the family business



Newcomer





Industry insiders discuss that elusive Oscar dream

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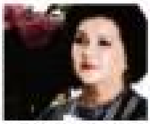
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Comic potential



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Posh Nails

